

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is requested. Claims 192-197 and 209-211 were subject to substantive review. Applicant appreciates the indication of patentability of these claims over the Brantigan reference. The claims were subject to an obviousness-type double patenting rejection in view of claims 1-38 of U.S. Patent No. 6,595,998. A provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection was also lodged with respect to co-pending applications 10/458,174 and 11/084,288. Applicants have submitted a terminal disclaimer in light of the issued patent only, since the claims of the co-pending application have not in fact been patented.

Applicants have amended the title of the application to more closely reflect the subject matter of the allowed claims.

With the submission of the terminal disclaimer concurrent with this response, it is believed that all substantive issues have been addressed and that this application, including claims 192-197 and 209-224, is in condition for allowance. Consequently, action toward that end hereby requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned agent of record in the event that issues arise that may be addressed in a telephonic interview to place the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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